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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing,
Development, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
2358-A Rayburn House
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing, Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
Longworth House Office Building 1036
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I am requesting funding for the Zero Emission Bus University project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Alameda – Contra Costa County Transportation District, 1600 Franklin Street, Oakland, CA 94612.

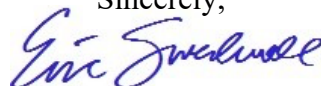
The ZEBU project will transform AC Transit's existing Training and Education Center in Hayward into an advanced learning lab featuring multi-purpose maintenance bays where trainees can merge their in-class learning with hands-on practical training. All maintenance bays will include elevated platforms equipped with computers, advanced hardware and software diagnostics, and the high-tech tools needed to service zero-emission bus propulsion systems.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will support the planning, design, construction, and operation of a training center that will provide zero emission technological skills for operations and maintenance transit workers to serve as a career gateway and support a workforce development center for disadvantaged communities. In addition, the plan ensures that disadvantaged East Bay communities will be the first to receive service by zero emissions buses. Ensuring AC Transit can safely place and keep hydrogen fuel cell electric buses on the road will help combat climate change while improving air quality and public health throughout the region.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is authorized under chapter 53 of title 49 of the United State Code as a capital project.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



Member of Congress